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Tacloban City
Office of the City Mayor

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TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

The Department of Health has already raised its alert system to CODE RED. The alert is a preemptive call to ensure that national and local governments and public and private health care providers can prepare for possible increase in suspected and confirmed of the Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) within the Philippines.

For localized response and implementation of infection prevention and control measures in Tacloban City, all government offices and private establishments operating within the city are required to **take all the necessary precautionary measures** in ensuring the safety of its employees and customers/clients. Precautionary measures include:

- **Practice frequent and proper handwashing**: wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. The use of alcohol-based hand sanitizer is also encouraged in the absence of soap and water.
- **Practice proper cough etiquette**: Cover mouth and nose using handkerchief/tissue or sleeves or crook of elbow when coughing or sneezing. Move away from people when coughing.
- **Maintain social distancing**: Avoid huge crowds or gathering. Maintain distance at least one meter away from individual/s manifesting flu-like symptoms.

The public must continue to stay vigilant and employ prevention of the spread within the community level. In case of any observed symptoms in any individual, immediately contact the **City Health Office at 832-5616**.

For strict compliance and appropriate action.

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